

**Auburn City Council  
Regular Meeting  
Thursday, May 24, 2018 6:00 P.M.  
City Council Chambers  
Memorial City Hall  
24 South St.  
Auburn, NY 13021**

**Minutes**

The meeting of the Auburn City Council was called to order at 6:00PM in the City Council Chambers 24 South St. Auburn NY by Mayor Quill.

**1. Roll Call** – The City Clerk called the roll. Mayor Quill and Councilors McCormick, Giannettino and Cuddy were all present. Councilor Carabajal was excused.

**The following City Staff was present for the regular meeting:**

- City Manager, Jeff Dygert
- Corporation Counsel, Stacy DeForrest
- City Clerk, Charles Mason
- Director of Planning and Economic Development, Jennifer Haines
- Director of Capital Projects and Grants, Christina Selvek
- Police Chief, Shawn Butler
- Superintendent of Engineering, William Lupien
- Superintendent of Public Works, Mike Talbot
- Director of Municipal Utilities, Seth Jensen

**2. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag** – Mayor Quill led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**3. Moment of Silent Prayer or Reflection** – Mayor Quill asked for a moment of silent prayer.

**4. Public Announcements** – none

**5. Ceremonial Presentations and Proclamations** –

**Mayor Quill announced that the  
PUBLIC HEARING CONCERNING THE CITY MANAGER'S  
RECOMMENDEDBUDGET FOR 2018-2019  
was now open. The following individual spoke:**

**Donna Lamb, Executive Director of the Schweinfurth Memorial Art Center made the following statement:** I am here tonight to offer my enthusiastic support for the inclusion of \$20,000 in the budget targeted for public art funding, specifically for developing an arts and

entertainment district.

Auburn has been identified as one of 5 pilot communities to benefit from planning assistance through a \$100,000 grant from the Empire State Development Corporation in partnership with the Regional Economic Development Council for Phase I Master Planning to create Arts and Entertainment Districts in Auburn, Cortland, Oneida, Oswego and Syracuse. The project is administered through CNY Arts, our Central New York Arts Agency. The goal of this project is to increase attendance at arts and entertainment venues, as well as the local hospitality industry. This will positively impact local economies by generating jobs and income for the arts and entertainment venues and those businesses servicing the district.

I am told by CNY Arts that Auburn is one of the 3 cities ready to move forward. The funding allocated by the City will help us leverage assistance provided by the CNY arts project to advance our project. Implementing an arts and entertainment district has long been a goal here in Auburn. With help from the CNY Arts grant in the planning, the budget allocation from the city, and the potential for funding through a downtown revitalization grant, the time has never been better to move forward in establishing an arts and entertainment district.

**6. Public to be Heard** – Mayor Quill opened the Public to be Heard portion of the Council meeting and the Clerk read the Public to be Heard rules. No members of the public spoke.

**7. Approval of Meeting Minutes -**

May 10, 2018 Council Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve the May 10, 2018 minutes by Councilor Cuddy, seconded by Councilor McCormick. Motion to approve carried 3-0. Mayor Quill voted present. Councilor Carabajal was excused.

**8. Reports of City Officials**

**A. City Manager's Report**

- This week the Police Department turned 29 recovered bicycles over to the Cayuga Re-Bike program. These bicycles were all collected by APD during 2017 and were not claimed. They will be repaired and sold at auction at low prices with the proceeds being used to purchase bicycle helmets that are donated to children in the community at various events.
- Civil Service has set up an opt-in e-mail service that public can subscribe to on the Civil Service page of the City of Auburn webpage. Once signed up, subscribers will receive updates on tests and position openings with the City of Auburn or the Auburn Enlarged School District.

**B. Reports from members of Council –**

**9. Matters to Come Before Council**

**A. State Environmental Quality Review Act Resolutions (SEQR)**

**B. Ordinances – None**

**C. Local Laws - None**

**D. Resolutions – None**

**E. Staff/Vendor Presentations – None**

**F. Tabled Items – None**

**10. Other Business**

Executive Session. Councilor McCormick made a motion to enter Executive Session, seconded by Councilor Carabajal. Council voted to enter an executive session regarding the following matters:

Two matters pertaining to the sale, lease or acquisition of real property located at 72 Seymour Street and 1-7 State Street.

The motion to enter executive session carried 4-0. The Council entered Executive Session at 6:19 p.m. executive session adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

**Adjournment:** By unanimous vote the Council adjourned the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 6:41 p.m.

Minutes submitted to the City Council on June 14, 2018 by:

Charles Mason  
City Clerk

On June 14, 2018 a motion to approve the minutes of the May 24, 2018 Auburn, NY City Council meeting was made by Councilor Giannettino, seconded by Councilor Cuddy.

	Ayes	Noes
Councilor McCormick	Excused	
Councilor Giannettino	X	
Councilor Cuddy	X	
Councilor Carabajal	Abstain	
Mayor Quill	X	
Carried and Adopted	X	

*I do hereby certify that the foregoing is a correct copy of the minutes of the proceedings of the City Council of the City of Auburn, N.Y., at a regular meeting thereof, held in the Council Chambers, Memorial City Hall, in said city, on the 24th day of May, 2018 and that the City Council approved such by the vote listed above.*

*Charles Mason, City Clerk      Date: June 15, 2018*